

**Plon-Plon.**

No division of sentiment exists here as to the fitness and excellence of Mr. Holt's appointment as Postmaster General. Only a single carving exception is heard to this sense of general approval, which is that he is no politician—a reason which will the more commend his selection to the country, and the better enable him to grasp the complications and embarrassments that he has

to another as the outset, while meeting common political opinions, and conforming his action consistently with them, Mr. Hays has not been regarded either as an partisan, in the strong sense of that term, or as an ambitious manager, but only upon personal elevation or success. His past career has been identical with the bar, where he acquired fame as an orator and jurist in the southwest, and that sort of distinction in the profession which enabled him to retire from it in the full maturity of his powers, with the satisfaction of becoming a private citizen.

ally for his powers, with all his conduct motives which a lifetime has not often achieved. After withdrawing from practice he traveled in Europe several years, and then settled in Kentucky among his own kindred and connexions by marriage, both of the families being among the oldest and most distinguished stock of the State.

He was invited by Mr. Buchanan to take the commission of patents, and reluctantly yielded to the solicitations of friends, who knew his value and rare abilities.

ities. In that responsible office he acquired a reputation never surpassed by any predecessor, and his opinions stand out from the ordinary routine as examples of clear and perspicuous reasoning and beauty of diction which give relief to that dreary monotony which pervades official documents. My attention was first attracted to his remarkable powers by accidentally reading his justifica-

tion for extending an India rubber patent, in which the whole range of art, inventors, and their rewards, was treated with a masterly skill and culture which at once established his position here with those who, like myself, only knew him through this public medium.

Mr. Holt has all the qualities which fit him for this large responsibility, and will doubtless distinguish him-

self in a department which, since the time of Judge McLean—who went out of it with increased popularity—has been a millstone around every man's neck who ever held it. Applying to it the powers of investigation and judgment which he is said to possess, with the capacity which is admitted on all sides, he cannot fail to trace back many of the errors of a system which have grown

to be abuses by the mere force of habit, and to apply the knife freely afterward. Possessing industry, energy, elevation of purpose, and the highest integrity, with a consciousness of the hard task before him, and the knowledge that he alone must bear the burden, no small considerations of party will be apt to induce him to defer to its selfish exactions anything that can conflict with

the public interest, or to make one concession which will be an obstacle to ultimate success. The President was most fortunate in this selection, and Mr. Holt will begin his duties with the fullest confidence of the country, and a generous forbearance on the part of those who appreciate the many and trying difficulties he has to confront.

From the Washington States.  
**Departure of Mrs. Sickles.**  
 Mrs. Sickles left for New York in the train Friday. She was accompanied by her mother, Madame Bajioli, and two gentlemen, friends of the family. Her departure has been delayed by her inability to leave her room, in which, ever since the sad event which has excited so

much public attention, she has spent her weary hours.—The frightful condition of nervous prostration into which she was thrown when the dreadful truth burst upon her that she was dishonored and more than widowed, produced an illness which has been very severe.

From day to day her friends have striven to rally her strength, but without success until Wednesday last, when

it became evident that she would be able to endure the journey the next day. Although importuned to do so, Mr. Sickles has from first to last, kindly but resolutely refused to grant her a personal interview. He has placed his country seat, Bloomingdale, on the Hudson, at the disposal of her parents, with the understanding that Mrs. Sickles may occupy it so long as she remains under

the protection of her proper guardians. As he has never allowed any deprivation to justify her departure from duty heretofore, he is determined that, in the future, while he cannot consent to pardon her offence, yet no want shall ever justify a second yielding to temptation.— Their little daughter is placed temporarily in the care of Madame Bajoli, who will reside with Mrs. Sickles, and

thus for the present enable the latter to enjoy the society of her child. Even this concession is prompted by motives of humanity for a poor mother, whose agony is greater than she can bear.

On Wednesday evening Miss Laura was taken to the jail to see her father, and the artless prattle of the child in that gloomy place was very touching indeed, but not

more so than when, as she was about to depart with a little boquet, which her father had given her, some dark, indefinable dread seemed to overcome her, and she burst into uncontrollable tears, for which she could give no reason. Those who were present say that the emotions of Mr. Sickles, when his child took her leave, were more poignant than he has ever before exhibited. The

second act is closed ; let us draw the curtain over the drama.

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From the London Examiner.

**Fallacy of the Right of Search.**

The late discussion in the House of Lords about the right of search is really nothing more than a dispute about words. Lord Aberdeen maintains the right to

ascertain the genuineness of any flag which a suspected vessel may bear, but, he adds, "if in the exercise of this right, either from involuntary error or in spite of every precaution, loss or injury should be sustained, a prompt satisfaction will be afforded." According to this rule, there is a right preliminary to the right of search, and, indeed, generative of it, and that is the right to suspect.

Like Dogberry, the naval officer suspects by virtue of his office, and then proceeds to inquire. All this is matter of right, if it be not wrong, in which indemnity and apology are due. With similar accuracy any of her Majesty's subjects may assert his right to seize any man by the collar and drag him to the nearest police station, and so he may with impunity, if he can prove that the

man is a thief or a malefactor of any sort. But the right is not the right to stop, seize, and search, but the right to stop, seize and search the thief or malefactor, and none other. The officer acts upon his peril. *Caveat captor.* The whole difference between the two sides of the House of Lords on this subject is referable to straining what should be a very special and limited proposi-

tion to a general import. There is no right of search, or even of inquiry, unless there is illegality on the part of the vessel subjected to search or inquiry. The asserted right is only the correlative to a wrong, or it becomes a wrong itself in the opposite case. Every shipmaster whose papers warrant his flag may, with undoubted justice, deny the right of any officer to stop him on his

**A LION AT LARGE ON BOARD SHIP.**—The Himalaya, screw troop ship, left Malta on the 24th, and Tangiers on the 30th of January, having proceeded thither to ship a number of presents to Her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain, from the Emperor of Morocco.—

Those presents consist of one lion, one buffalo, one leopard, one antelope, ten Arab horses, and six ostriches, together with several cases of valuable shawls, silks and curiosities. On Feb. 2d, owing to some carelessness on the part of his keeper, (a Moor,) the lion, a fine, full-grown animal, burst through his cage door, and speedily cleared the main deck of human beings. As may be

imagined, utter consternation was occasioned on board the ship, and the passengers and crew took the speediest measures for their safety, the latter taking refuge in the rigging of the vessel. The king of the forest (and *pro tem.* of the ship, also,) condescended in his short perambulation, to "smell" the buffalo, who was tied up in an adjoining stall, and the latter showed fight by ma-

ing a vigorous batt at his majesty, who resented the attack by flooring his opponent by one stroke of the paw. The lion, it is said, had command of the deck for some time, until a rope was thrown over his head and hauled taut. The animal struggled to free himself, but his legs were secured, and he was hauled back to his den.

SHE PERSEVERED.—“Persevere, persevere,” said an old lady friend of ours to her help, “it’s the only way you can accomplish great things.” One day eight apple dumplings were sent down stairs, and they all disappeared. “Sally, where are those dumplings?”—“I managed to get through them, ma’am,” replied Sally. “Why, how on earth did you manage to eat so

“By persevering, ma’am,” was the  
 meek answer.



We are glad we got this Circular however, for it shows us how active our opponents are, and how early they are in the field, and also reveals part of their programme.

The address of Mr. Waddell and the reply of the Governor were eloquently and festively delivered, and were greeted with hearty applause. The members of the military companies and a large number of citizens called upon the Governor in the course of the evening. All appeared gratified not only with the tone of the Governor's remarks, but with his courteous manners.—*Daily Journal*, 22d inst.

J. Jackson, Esq., as attorney for Jonathan Worth, of Jno. McGill, procured a Mandamus to compel payment of two thousand dollars, due said McGill, which sum was paid by him as County Trustee. The service of both writs was accepted.

A. A. Spears was elected Solicitor; C. S. Barbee, Clerk; and R. C. Babin, Chairman of Magistrates.

The taxes levied for the year are 85 cents on real estate and \$1 40 on the poll, for county purposes—a considerable increase as compared with last year.

*Fayetteville Observer.*

the country 1000 acres would be a fair proportion of the country is at present open, and cattle graze all the year. It would, however, advise the purchase of as much land as possible: it is rapidly enhancing in value, the investment would pay well. It can be purchased now from \$1 to \$4 per acre; the latter price for the best locations on the river. The country is rolling and fertile, interspersed with sufficient timber for farming and stock raising, and protection to the stock. Soil very rich, and productive to any crop. Climate is superior to any I have ever before seen; the sun very mild, and the sea breezes during the summer months make it very pleasant; thermometer during

whose country was deeply impressed with the sad  
nouncement that his reason had been dethroned some  
years ago. Hopes were subsequently entertained of  
recovery and restoration to usefulness, but with mel-  
ancholy glimmers of lucidity, he has worn out existence  
more blank, and his dearest friend cannot regret  
that the balmy hand of death has at length relieved him  
from suffering. The grave never closed over a more  
valiant spirit; affection can never weep over a more  
able, high-toned and chivalric man. Poor Haskell!  
I knew him well, and knowing him so well, our heart  
pines as we pen this ineffectual tribute to his memory.

cost of construction is about \$56,000 per mile, and the English average. When the lines are completed, there will be four great arterial railways opening the whole of India.

— We learn that Mr. James B. Averitt, a talented lawyer of Newbern, who was recently admitted to the Superior Court bar of the State, has removed to Marion, Perry co., Ala., where he will pursue the practice of his profession. The best wishes of his friends in this State for the future prosperity and happiness accompany him.—*Roanoke Register*

avoiding vulgarisms, puns or jokes, and is very choice of words his language of as classic a style as possible. While he would make an excellent Parliamentarian in this country, he could never effect much at making stump speeches or mob speeches in America. He has a slight twang, which makes his delivery sound still more English-like. He never, however, could have spoken the sentence just now attributed to him by a correspondent of one of the Petersburg papers, who says: "Mr. O'Brien's impressions of Richmond may be understood from a remark attributed to him on his arrival at the depot: 'Only look at the nagurs.'"—*Richmond Enquirer*.

DEATH OF WM. T. HASKELL.—The Louisville Journal says:

A most brilliant genius and a truly elegant gentleman, a thrilling orator and a statesman of unusual culture, WILLIAM T. HASKELL, died at his residence in New York, on the 10th inst., of apoplexy, at the age of 56 years.







It is thought probable that he may have fallen down into an area, or excavated space in front of a basement, while intoxicated. Perhaps he did and perhaps he did not. His queer associations led him into queer habits. With better education and better training Mike Walsh might have been a most worthy and useful citizen, for he had the elements that might have made him such.

“We do not know the exact amount of loss. A gentleman at the fire estimated it at fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars. We should think it would fully reach latter sum.”—*ib.*

OUTRAGEOUS.—The Anderson, S. C. Gazette speaks of the business of the Court in Session at that village: “The solicitor has made out an indictment against a good lady of our district for being a ‘Common Beld.’ The man ought to be married to an unconscious Scold. Perhaps he is.

Mr. M. Fould, as a minister of State, must have opportunities of foreseeing if events are at hand which might render the speculation hazardous. The Chinese Government has received from Rio Janeiro to February 7th had been advised. They say that Lopez has accepted the offer of mediation of the Brazilian government in the difficulty with the United States.

The Chinese confirm the complete subjugation of the Yung-tse-King extended as far as Hong-Kow, and is reported to have succeeded. The Yung-tse-King was at Hong-Kow, and the Mission was in Canton river,

The following is a copy of a notice posted upon a claim at Riverside county, California, and written by a Chinese who had been studying the English language:—  
**Notice.**—We the undersign this Rive Claim from the Rive this Rive Ran about one thousand feet up the Rive this Rive. Claim takes it up purpose to be as soon as possible to a similar one above.  
 January 28th, 1906. Ah lam & lan co.  
**CLAIMED LOSS IN WHITE TIGERS.**—The loss in fruit in this claim, which the undersign, now, is estimated at \$100,000. The undersign, now, is estimated at \$100,000. The undersign, now, is estimated at \$100,000.

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BAGS RIO, in store and for sale, by  
March 31  
**T. H. MCKOY & CO.**

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NO. 44. to 302. For sale by  
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**WILLARD & CURTIS.**

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5, 9 and 10. A full assortment for sale by  
J. B. ROBINSON & SON,  
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BAGS Black-Head Portland Cement. For  
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A SUBSCRIBER is prepared to furnish BRASS AND  
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WORK AND MACHINERY of all kinds.  
Machinery overhauled and repaired.  
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